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November Sky Star Party at Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park

Attention all earthlings!!! Do you ever wonder about all those bright stars you see up in the sky at night? Well, now is your opportunity to find out what they are! Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park is happy to announce that we will be hosting our second annual Star Party at the park on Saturday, November 22nd. Throughout history, the night sky has been appreciated for navigation as well as wonderment; these are the same stars and planets our ancestors gazed upon over many lands and generations. Please come join us as astronomers share insight on the solar system and describe the various celestial objects that are visible in the November night sky. The program will be led by Lloyd Watkins and friends who are associated with Vanderbilt University's Dyer Observatory. We will be looking at Venus, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, M-13, M-31, M-33, M-57, Double Cluster, and the Pleiades and possibly other extraterrestrial bodies.

The program will begin at 5PM inside the meeting hall in the park office with an overview and orientation of the solar system. Next, we will head outside to view the stars and planets up close and personal through the telescopes. Viewing will last until 8PM or so. The November Sky Star Party is free and family friendly so please take this very special opportunity to learn about and view the night sky in this wonderfully dark area of the Tennessee's Upper Cumberland. Amateur astronomers are invited to bring out their own telescopes to set up as well. Hot cider and coffee will be provided by the Friends of Cordell Hull. Bring your family and friends, a warm jacket, and a flash light to enjoy this exciting outdoor fall event. You may want to bring a chair or a blanket if you plan to stay for a while!

Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park is located at 1300 Cordell Hull Memorial Drive. Turn at the Shell station on Hwy 111 in Byrdstown and travel approximately 1.5 miles down Hwy 325 to reach the park. Please park in the museum parking lot which will be on the right past the birthplace cabin. We hope to see you there! Bad weather may cancel the program so please call to confirm if the weather is questionable. For more information please call the park at 931-864-3247 or go to www.cordellhullmuseum.com.